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## 'Doing His Duty' Says La. Solon in Broadcast

Sen. Russell B. Long told the nation Sunday that he feels District Attorney Jim Garrison is doing "what a district attorney should do" in his probe into an alleged New Orleans-based plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Giving his views on the nationally-broadcast television program "Face the Nation," Sen. Long added that the murder of Kennedy in Dallas, Tex. on Nov. 22, 1963 "was not a crime against federal law. It was a crime against the law of Louisiana; it was a crime against the law of Texas."

MORE DATA

Long said the Warren Commission had reached a logical conclusion, on the basis of the information available to them, but that since then more information has come to light.

He cited Garrison's announcement Friday of the discovery of a number found in the papers of both Lee Harvey Oswald and retired New Orleans business man Clay L. Shaw, charged by Garrison with conspiracy.

Garrison claims the number was a coded version of an unlisted telephone number — that of Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald in the Dallas po-

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lice headquarters in full view of millions of television viewers.

"I think that you would say it was somewhat strange," Long said, "that those two men whom Garrison says were in conspiracy both had that number listed in their papers."

Long said, in answer to a question, that he had encouraged Garrison's interest in the assassination.

"Jim Garrison asked me why I had made the statement publicly that I had always doubted that Oswald acted alone," Long explained. "I said that it had never seemed to me that Oswald was that good a shot to fire a shot from any 90 yards away at a moving target."

BOLT ACTION

Long said he doubts also that Oswald's rifle was good enough, or that he could have fired shots in quick succession with increasing accuracy, especially with a bolt-action rifle.

A carefully phrased question

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about Garrison's political future was interpreted head-on by Long, who said, "You mean he might want to run for my job?"

"I think that everybody ought to do what his duty requires," Long answered, "and if you do the job that the people elect you to do and you do what's right as your conscience sees it, the elections tend to take care of themselves."